

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 19, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported that he met with Duke regarding the Circleville area lighting. They will evaluate the area and prioritize then come back with a recommendation.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said we have agreed on the contract for the overlook and gateway projects. The Main Street Streetscape is significantly complete. There is some debate on the proper slope at the Farmer's Market location. Indot will make the determination if a change needs to be made.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Meetings tomorrow.
- **City Center** – The camera system was going in today. Work continues on Ivy Tech and Council Chambers.

- **Cherry Street Extension** – Letters are going back and forth between the attorneys.
- **Brownfield Grant** – We will meet tomorrow to wrap up the grant.
- **Housing** – No permits have been issued.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said their new vehicle is getting the equipment installed.

6 golf carts have been registered so far. Last year we had 34 registered.

The Mayor's 5K information will go out tomorrow. The date is April 27th.

Chief Tucker said he spoke with Mr. Bennett, who is the property owner of the Flatrock Village Apartments. He thought the streets had been dedicated back to the City. Councilman Bridges said he was not sure. Berkemeier said the GIS looks like they are city streets. We will verify if they are indeed city streets. if so we will put up no parking signs.

Park – Park Director Burklow passed out a list of pool employees for this season. The Board of Works gave permission to hire Andrew Rice as a full time employee.

Burklow informed Council that he has had 4 issues with the new dump trailer. He has spoken to Ron Cameron each time and asked Council for their guidance on the matter. Councilman Smith asked if Cameron has offered to replace the trailer. Burklow said he has not. Councilman Conner asked if the warranty has been sent in. Burklow said yes it has. Burklow has not contacted the manufacturer. Smith suggested looking at the lemon law. Smith commented that the trailer does not meet the standards it was warranted to meet. Conner said it should be taken back to Cameron to fix the issues. Councilman Smith volunteered to discuss the issues with Cameron and report back.

Animal – Warden Cottrell handed out her February report. They had an intake of 19 animals. 17 were euthanized, 2 of those were sick raccoons. They are getting a lot of feral cats, which will increase the euthanasia numbers.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out his annual report.

He reported that 16 participated in the agility testing this past Saturday. The written exam will be administered this Saturday.

The graphics are completed on the 2 ambulances. They will discuss what to do with the other 2 ambulances.

The Assistant Chief's new truck is in.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Animal Control Ordinances** – The draft has been reviewed by the Mayor and Councilman Bridges. Bridges questioned if 4 animals was too many. Cottrell said the average is 2 dogs and 2 cats. Council is to forward any further mark ups. We hope to have the final draft ready for the April 2nd meeting.
2. **Street Lights South of Town Phase 1** – Discussed under Mayor's report.
3. **Henderson Road Farm Lease (-35.774 ac)** - The Board of Works accepted the bid of Chris Smith for \$315.00 per acre.
4. **Bids/Proposals for 335 W 4th Street** - Newhouse said the notice to bidders has been sent to the paper. If an abutting land owner bids then after 10 days we can go ahead and move forward. The 2 grain bins are to be removed by the purchaser.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Authorizing Resolution 2019-8 Bids/Proposals for 214 E 2nd** – Cameron made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-8. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2019-9 Downtown Building Lease/Incubation Program (219 B Main)** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for approval. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-9. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Building Delivery System Approval** – Mayor Pavey said the Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation to ask for RFP for 219 N Main from Progressive Design Build and Build Own Transfer Agreement. Progressive did City Center. Berkemeier made a motion for the Mayor to proceed. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Utility Board Leak Protection** – Utility Board Member, Butch Singleton will be coming to speak with Council.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Utility Packet – Contract for Services** – The Board of Works approved the Strand contract.
2. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Abatement Program** – Berkemeier should have something ready sometime in April.

CLAIMS AND FEBRUARY 2019 BANK RECONCILEMENT – Bridges moved to approve the claims and the February 2019 bank reconciliation as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.